

Highway to the Future



NSEE is a nonprofit membership association of educators, businesses, and community leaders. Founded in 1971, NSEE also serves as a national resource center for the development and improvement of experiential education programs nationwide. NSEE supports the use of learning through experience for intellectual development, cross-cultural and global awareness, civic and social responsibility, ethical development, career development, career exploration, and personal growth.

Dear Conference Participant:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to our **2010 National Conference**. This is our 39th annual conference and will be an amazing precursor to next year's 40th anniversary. We will be looking to gain insight into ideas for next year's conference content. So, be on the lookout for opportunities to tell us your thoughts.

Building on the high energy and success of our 2009 conference in Dallas, our organization will again showcase its member knowledge and expertise in a dynamic professional development experience. We are also proud to include more faculty involvement in this year's conference, a theme we hope to continue to express for future conferences.

Our 2010 conference features **TWO KEYNOTE SESSIONS** and **OVER FORTY WORKSHOPS** focusing on the theme "*Highway to the Future.*" Read on to ensure you plan your conference experience to its fullest extent. Be sure to take advantage of every opportunity to engage with colleagues from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences.

In our first keynote session on Thursday, October 7, we are very pleased to welcome Dr. George D. Kuh, Director of the Center for Postsecondary Research at Indiana University. Dr. Kuh will present a session entitled, "*What Matters to Student Success: The Promise of High-Impact Practices.*" On Friday, October 8, we are very pleased to welcome Dr. Patti H. Clayton, an independent consultant with PHC Ventures, "*Tapping the Transformative Potential of Experiential Education through Democratic Engagement.*" What a thrill it will be for all of us to have these individuals sharing and enriching our Charlotte experience.

This year, NSEE's Experiential Education Academy (EEA) will be very visible at the Charlotte conference. On Wednesday, October 6, we are offering all **FIVE CORE CURRICULUM COURSES** along with several of our elective courses. NSEE remains committed to those members who seek the EEA certificate of completion by offering all five core courses at the annual conference and in regional workshops around the country. We encourage you to **Come Early and Stay Late** in order to participate in all the conference events.

Throughout the conference, participants will have ample opportunities to learn from and with colleagues in over 40 individual workshops and roundtable discussions. These sessions have been selected from the record number of proposals submitted this year. Participants will also be able to attend meetings of the Special Interest Groups (SIGs), Professional Networks, and Regional Networks on Friday, October 8.

At our **NSEE AWARDS LUNCHEON**, we will celebrate the field of experiential education and recognize the accomplishments of those individuals, organizations, or programs making significant contributions. The NSEE Awards Program and Awards Luncheon are again sponsored through the generous support of **NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL FINANCIAL NETWORK!** NSEE will also recognize our second William Burke Award winner during the luncheon. The award will be given to a college or university president and consists of a \$2,000 scholarship to be awarded to a student at the winner's home institution for participation in an experiential program. This award, funded by The Washington Center, recognizes a sitting college president who has made significant contributions to experiential education and who exemplifies Bill's commitment to college students through support of experiential education on campus and in the community.

We know all experiential educators will share our excitement about the 2010 Conference. Check the website at www.nsee.org regularly for timely conference updates. Make your plans now to travel to Charlotte and be with us during "*Highway to the Future*" as we race down the highway towards our 40th Anniversary and the Future. Bring a colleague along! **See you in Charlotte!**

Tony Smith
NSEE Conference Chair